

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-46. (canceled)

47. (previously presented) An *in vitro* diagnostic method for detecting the presence of nucleic acid of a Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 (HIV-1) in a biological sample comprising:

(a) providing a cell-free supernatant of a biological fluid comprising cells infected with HIV-1, and

(b) detecting HIV-1 nucleic acid present in said supernatant.

48-50. (canceled).